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Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

March 30, 1925.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

In compliance with your request for information as to the present whereabouts of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and C. E. RUTHENBERG in whom I believe Mr. Francis Ralston Welsh is interested, I have communicated with New York in order that you may ascertain from ☐ the present whereabouts of both of these persons. However, information which has been received from the State Department is to the effect that FOSTER attended the Trade Union Minority Movement Conference held in England on January 25th, and was then expected to proceed on to Moscow. When information is received from New York, I will forward it to you, attached to Mr. Welsh's inquiry.

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Respectfully, •

R. B.

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May 13, 1925.

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Mr. Arthur Bliss Lane,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning William Z. Foster, particularly the inquiry concerning Foster's present whereabouts.

I am advised by the New York office of the Bureau that Foster is now in the United States and that on the eve of May 1st, he was in New York City and personally protested against a search made by the local Police in premises alleged to be occupied by Communists or members of the Workers Party.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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OFFICE OF
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
EDWARD J. BRENNAN

Department of Justice

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May 7, 1925



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DIRECTOR,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RE: WORKERS PARTY OF AMERICA:
N.Y. File No. 61-4

Attention TWO

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to bureau letter of March 30, 1925 initialed TFB:JWM No. 61-330 wherein inquiry is made as to the present whereabouts of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and C.E. RUTHENBERG.

According to the most recent information obtainable WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is in the United States. This is indicated by the fact that on the eve of May 1st he was in this city and personally protested against a search made by the Police in premises alleged to be occupied by Communists or members of the Workers Party.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. BRENNAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Darling,

Federal Building,

Chicago, Ill.

Reference your letter [May twenty-seventh] concerning request
Joseph A. Wise, regret cannot comply with request but rules of
Bureau forbid disclosing of any information in our files to
persons not connected with Department. One.

HOOVER.

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DIRECTOR,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Div. Two

Dear Sir:

ATTENTION DIVISION TWO

JOSEPH A. WISE, Staff Correspondent attached to the Publicity Department of the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, called at our Office this morning and requested permission to peruse our files pertaining to the activities of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. MR. WISE presented credentials showing that he is a regularly authorized Representative and is also acting as spokesman for MR. VICTOR OLEANDER, Secretary and Treasurer of the ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF LABOR, and Vice-President of the NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

It seems FOSTER has again showed up at the Federation Headquarters after having been absent for a long period of time, and is apparently again very active, and the State Federation desires to prepare an exhibit and gather data to be presented at their State Convention which occurs within a short time.

They are also interested in the activities of one WHITEMAN, a Colored Organizer, who is active in Chicago and who has colored speakers speaking throughout the Black Belt on the South Side. This WHITEMAN plans on organizing a Colored Congress, and a manifesto - very similar to the Communist Manifesto - is being circulated.

I suggested to MR. WISE that he await the return to this Office of Agent MAX F. BURGER, who is intimately acquainted with the Radical File, and in the meantime am writing you to ascertain if it is your desire to allow MR. WISE to have access to this data.

Will you kindly advise me by radiogram?

Yours very truly,

ROY A. DARLING
Agent in Charge.

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June 23, 1925.

Mr. H. A. Darling,
P. O. Box 455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of March 10th, 1925, referring to information received from abroad to the effect that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and J. P. CANNON had attended the Trade Union Minority Conference, held in England, January 25th, 1925. With this letter there was forwarded a photostatic copy of a photograph, and inquiry was made as to whether you could identify the photograph. A report submitted by Agent Burger on March 20th, captioned ROSE KARSTNER alias ROSE KAHLSOV sets forth that the photograph was that of ROSE KARSTNER.

I am now in receipt of a communication from the Department of State in which reference is made to an application for passport executed in Chicago, on October 25th, 1923 by JAMES P. CANNON upon which passport #348403 was issued to him on October 30th, of that year. On September 26th, 1924 CANNON applied for the inclusion on his passport of his wife, LISTA M. who, he stated was born in Roumania, on December 22nd, 1869, and to whom he was married on June 15th, 1913. A photostatic copy of the application for amendment of the passport is enclosed herewith. It will be noted that the photograph of LISTA M. CANNON appearing on the application for amendment, is identical with the photograph transmitted to you in my letter of March 10th, and which Agent Burger identified as ROSE KARSTNER.

An appropriate investigation should be made to ascertain whether or not LISTA M. CANNON is actually the wife of JAMES P. CANNON and if so, whether they were in fact married on June 15th, 1913, as CANNON states in his application for amendment of the passport. If the statement was fraudulent, appropriate action with a view to prosecution may then be taken. The passport Agent who accepted CANNON'S application for amendment of the passport, failed to inquire of CANNON the place of marriage.

Kindly give the matter appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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July 2, 1925.

Mr. R. A. Darling,
P. O. Box 456,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to previous correspondence concerning ROSE HARNER and J. P. CANNON, particularly to my communication to you concerning the application for amendment to CANNON'S passport, to include ROSE CANNON as his wife, the picture of ROSE CANNON being identical with that of ROSE HARNER. For your information in connection with this investigation, you are advised that I am in receipt of a letter from the Department of State, reading as follows: (S-1) (X) u

"With reference to my letter of June 11, 1925, and previous correspondence, I have learned that Max Schachtman, John Williamson, James Cannon and Rose Cannon, his wife, four citizens of the United States who have been attending the sessions of the Enlarged Executive Committee in Moscow, passed through Great Britain on April 19th, enroute for the United States. This information is passed on to you for what it may be worth." (S-1) (X) u

Very truly yours,

Director.

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61-1626

July 8, 1925.

Mr. R. A. Darling,
P. O. Box 455,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of June
23rd, concerning J. P. CANNON and ROSE KARNER
and the application received by the State Department
for amendment of the passport issued to CANNON to
include his wife, ROSE, the photograph forwarded
by CANNON being identical with that heretofore
identified by you as ROSE KARNER.

Please let me have a report upon this
matter as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO BUREAU OFFICE

CHICAGO FILE NO. 61-38-4

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: July 6, 1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: June 29-30, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: M.F. BURGER
TITLE: JAMES B. CANNON and LISTA M. CANNON (ROSE KARSNER)			CHARACTER OF CASE: ALL. FRAUDULENT STATEMENT IN PASSPORT APPLICATION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROSE KARSNER is said to be the wife of JAMES B. CANNON. However, marriage may not be legal. Date of marriage, if legal, is not yet ascertained.

Matter submitted to KANSAS CITY BUREAU OFFICE for investigation.

Further investigation to be made by this Office.

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DETAILS: Reference is had to Director's letter, dated June 23rd, 1925, initialed TFB-

JWM, bearing number 61-1626, copy of which is set out for the benefit of the Kansas City Bureau Office, reading as follows:

"Reference is made to my letter of March 10th, 1925, referring to information received from abroad to the effect that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and J.P. CANNON had attended the Trade Union Minority Confer-

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Agent interviewed Informants, who believed that ROSE KARSNER was the wife of JAMES P. CANNON. At this point it must, however, be stated that in the Communist Organizations marriage is ordinarily not contracted in a legal way. Under their policy a man and woman decide to live together as man and wife, also known as Common Law Marriage, they remain in such state until such a time that they desire to discontinue, which in Agent's opinion is the case with Subjects of this investigation. Agent made a discreet investigation at 19 So. Lincoln St., Chicago, which is the office of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS AID, of which for some time ROSE KARSNER was Secretary. Agent, without disclosing his identity, had the picture identified by a lady employee of this office, who stated that the picture looked like that of ROSE KARSNER with the exception that it appeared a little dark. In further conversation Agent developed the fact that ROSE KARSNER was now married to JAMES P. CANNON, but outside of that, no information was available, nor could Agent obtain the present

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resident address of JAMES P. CANNON and ROSE KARSNER. Further efforts will be made and an attempt will be made to personally interview ROSE KARSNER.

In inspecting the Bureau Files, a report was found written by Agent Edward Portley, dated Kansas City, Mo., September 17th, 1922, entitled, "THOMAS R. SULLIVAN, alias PEGE, WILLA REEVES BLOOR, alias SKATE, EIMER McMULLEN, alias WILSON, and NORMAN TALLENTINE, alias TRAVERS - DELEGATES TO COMMUNISTS' PARTY CONVENTION AT BRIDGEMAN, MICHIGAN", Kansas City File No. 9620, in which it was stated that Subjects of that report had advised men of Draft age not to register, on or about November 5th, 1917, some of Subjects having refused to register. This report also states that Subject JAMES P. CANNON was also associated with them, and that JAMES P. CANNON had taken SULLIVAN's place as manager and editor of the WORKERS WORLD, when he was convicted and sentenced for the above violation.

It is therefore possible that JAMES P. CANNON, while in Kansas City, registered for the draft and in filing his questionnaire he stated whether or not he was married, as well as other information pertaining to his marriage status.

The application for amendment of passport stating that Subject CANNON was married to LISTA M. CANNON on June 15th, 1913. Such information would therefore appear in the questionnaire and the questionnaire, if in existence, could be used as evidence against Subjects.

Agent being of the opinion that JAMES P. CANNON might have been married to a LISTA M. CANNON and used the name LISTA M. CANNON for the purpose of obtaining an amendment to his passport, and then took ROSE KARSNER along with him to Moscow as his wife.

A picture of ROSE KARSNER is attached to the Kansas City copy of this report, for their information and use in this investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

KANSAS CITY OFFICE requested to make a check of JAMES P. CANNON's marriage status while in Kansas City. Also to ascertain whether or not, if possible, JAMES P. CANNON registered for the draft and, if so, whether he made out questionnaire. If people can be located who knew JAMES P. CANNON at the time he was in Kansas City such persons may know if JAMES P. CANNON was married at the time and if so, whether or not ROSE KARSNER was his legal wife, for which purpose the picture is sent to KANSAS CITY to assist in establishing this fact. At this point it may be stated that JAMES P. CANNON in 1917 was a member of the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD, while now he is a member of the COMMUNIST PARTY, which organization he joined sometime in 1919 or 1920. It is therefore possible that valuable information may be obtained from members of the INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD, which organization is not very friendly to the COMMUNIST (WORKERS) PARTY OF AMERICA.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: July 8, 1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: June 29, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: M. F. BURGER
TITLE: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, JAY LOVESTONE, CHAS. E. RUTHENBERG, and JAMES P. CANNON. RECENT TRIP TO MOSCOW, RUSSIA.			CHARACTER OF CASE: RADICAL ACTIVITY - COMMUNIST PARTY.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Very confidential report received stating that WM. Z. FOSTER arrived in Moscow, with a Communist woman, named KRECHT, of New York City; that JAMES P. CANNON arrived there with ROSE KARSNER, Secretary of the INTERNATIONAL WORKERS RELIEF, also known as the RED AID, traveling as man and wife; that RUTHENBERG was accompanied to Moscow by a female Communist from Boston by the name of DAVID; that JAY LOVESTONE was apparently without female companion. Details given in report.

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DETAILS: Subjects are said to have proceeded to Moscow. During last winter JAMES P. CANNON in company with ROSE KARSNER, said to be his wife, and WILLIAM Z. FOSTER with a woman Communist from New York City, said to be a MISS or MRS. KRECHT arrived in Moscow in one party. RUTHENBERG arrived with a woman companion from Boston, said to be a MISS or MRS. DAVID.

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FACTION will be supervised by two delegates from the COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL. The names of these delegates are kept secret. It is said that those two delegates will remain in the United States indefinitely.

It is further reported that the WORKERS PARTY, within the last six months has lost 4,000 members. It is further said that the above-named members of the COMMUNIST PARTY, while going to Russia, went by the way of Halifax, Canada, With the possible exception of JAMES P. CANNON the rest returned the same way.

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When RUTHENBERG arrived in Moscow, he was met by JOHN PEPPER, the latter having been in the United States during the years of 1922, 1923, and part of 1924, having attended the Bridgeman Convention, under the name of LANG, and JAY LOVESTONE who had arrived in Moscow before RUTHENBERG and arranged a reception for RUTHENBERG who had left the United States immediately after his release from the Jackson Michigan, Prison.

Before going to Moscow, JAMES P. CANNON conferred with the Communist leader, GALLAGHER, of the Communist Party of Great Britain, whose support he obtained in favor of the Majority Group, of the Communist Party of America, also known as the FOSTER GROUP.

It is stated that RUTHENBERG, while in Moscow, was appointed as a member of the Preseidium of the Communist International, which appointment was very distasteful to both FOSTER and CANNON, of the MAJORITY GROUP, whose principal activity in Moscow was to destroy RUTHENBERG's moral character, with apparently little or no success.

It was decided that FOSTER, who convinced STALIN, ZINOVIEV and BERKARIAN that he had a large following in the United States was permitted to retain the leadership of the American Movement.

The AMERICAN NEGRO LABOR CONGRESS is an idea which was conceived in Moscow. LOVETT-FORTE-WHITEMAN, the NEGRO Organizer, who also had been in Moscow received his instructions in Moscow with reference thereto. Apparently this matter is out of the hands of the WORKERS PARTY entirely and WHITEMAN is working under the direction of orders from Moscow, from where the NEGRO LABOR CONGRESS is alleged to be financed.

There apparently is great bitterness between the FOSTER and the RUTHENBERG FACTIONS. It is said that all discussions between the FOSTER and the RUTHENBERG

REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILL.	DATE WHEN MADE: July 13, 1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: July 10-11, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: MAX F. BURGER
TITLE: JAMES B. CANNON and LISTA M. CANNON (ROSE KARSNER)			CHARACTER OF CASE: ALL. FRAUDULENT STATEMENT IN PASSPORT APPLICATION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The picture of ROSE KARSNER absolutely identified as MRS. CANNON known as such for 1½ years. Legal marriage doubtful. CONTINUED.

DETAILS:

Reference is had to the Director's letter dated July 8, 1925 initialed TFB-JWM 61-330, referring to letter of June 23rd concerning subjects and requesting that a report be made as soon as possible. Reference is also had to agent's report dated July 6, 1925 entitled as above.

Agent further interviewed B. W. ANDERSON of 1261-63 Washington Blvd., Chicago, who is the owner of an apartment building at that address as well as 38 N. Elizabeth Street. ANDERSON stated on being shown the picture of ROSE KARSNER, that she was the wife of JAMES B. CANNON; a radical; that they had lived in his building occupying apartment #10 for fifteen days during last May and that they had lived in his building for eight months of last year, leaving there when they presumably had gone to New York which was either in September or October of last year; that he always had believed that ROSE KARSNER was the wife of CANNON and that she was so known by most of the occupants of his building. He stated that he believed the CANNONS now resided in the 1900 or 2000 block on Warren Avenue.

DETAILS:

Agent in having a discreet investigation made at I.W.W. headquarters, obtained the information that JAMES B. CANNON was alleged to have a wife and two children whom he left several years ago. ROSE KARSNER is not known to have any children, wherefor it would indicate that JAMES B. CANNON has a wife living whose name possibly is LISTA M. CANNON and that this name was used on the amended passport application for the purpose of taking ROSE KARSNER to Moscow with him as well as returning to this country.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Madame</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	61-330-195	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUL 15 1925
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This is principally for the information of the Kansas City Office to assist in making the investigation as requested in undeveloped leads in this agents report for July 6, 1925. If either the former wife or if not divorced, the legal wife of JAMES B. CANNON could be located, it would be conclusive proof that the amended application for passport was fraudulent.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

REPORT MADE AT: Kansas City, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-14-25	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7-13-14-25	REPORT MADE BY: C. E. ARGABRIGHT
TITLE: JAMES B. CANNON and LISTA M. CANNON, (ROSE KARSNER)			CHARACTER OF CASE: ALL. FRAUDULENT STATEMENT IN PASSPORT APPLICATION.

K. C. 61-6

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JAMES P. CANNON, and wife lived in Rosedale, Kansas, from about 1912, until about 1920. The woman who lived in Rosedale with JAMES P. CANNON, during this period as his wife, is not identical, and has no resemblance to LISTA M. CANNON, nee ROSE KARSNER, mentioned in the report of Agent M. F. Burger, Chicago Office.

R.U.C.

Reference is made to report Agent M. F. Burger, Chicago Office dated 7-6-25 in the above captioned matter.

DETAILS:

JAMES P CANNON subject of this investigation was formerly Managing Editor of the Worker's World, a radical paper, published in Kansas City, Missouri.

The photograph of ROSE KARSNER, alias ROSE KARLSOX, alias RED ROSE, who left this country with JAMES P. CANNON in September, 1924, and who was named in this passport as LISTA M. CANNON, wife of JAMES P. CANNON, was submitted to J. P. HARMON, who conducts a printing office at 723 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas, and who was formerly associated with JAMES P. CANNON on the WORKER'S WORLD publication. Mr. HARMON stated that he was well acquainted with both JAMES P. CANNON and Mrs. JAMES P. CANNON, that Mr. and Mrs. JAMES P. CANNON lived in Rosedale, Kansas, as man and wife for about five or six years; that they left this part of the country about 1920, and that he (HARMON) had no knowledge of them since that time. Mr. HARMON inspected the Photograph of LISTA M. CANNON nee ROSE KARSNER which was attached to report of M. F. Burger, and stated positively that it was not the woman who lived with JAMES P. CANNON, as his wife in Rosedale, Kansas. Mr. HARMON described the woman who lived in Rosedale with JAMES P. CANNON, as his wife, as about 5 ft. 6 in. height;

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weight about 135, medium light hair; very modest and attractive in appearance.

Mr. HARMON further stated that this woman give birth to two children while residing in Rosedale, both boys; that the oldest would now be about ten or eleven years, and the youngest about nine.

CHARLES S. OWSLEY, Attorney with offices at 704 Kansas City Life Building, Kansas City, Missouri, stated that he was attorney for JAMES P. CANNON in 1919, and was well acquainted with both JAMES P. CANNON and MRS. JAMES P. CANNON. The photograph of ROSE KARSNER was submitted to Mr. OWSLEY, and he positively declared it was not a photograph of the woman who lived in Rosedale with JAMES P. CANNON, as his wife for several years.

Mr. OWSLEY gave the same description of Mrs. JAMES P. CANNON, as that given by Mr. HARMON.

VERNON J. ROSE, former Mayor of Kansas City, Kas., who now has offices at 304 Kansas City Life Building, Kansas City, Mo., stated that he was well acquainted with both JAMES P. CANNON and Mrs. JAMES P. CANNON. The photograph of ROSE KARSNER was shown to Mr. ROSE and he positively declared it was not the picture of the woman who lived with JAMES P. CANNON, in Rosedale, from about 1912, until 1920.

Mr. ROSE gave the same description of Mr. JAMES P. CANNON, as was given by Mr. HARMON.

Each of the above named persons stated that they had never seen the original of the picture of ROSE KARSNER.

Each of the above persons also stated that while they could not say definitely, their impression was that the first name of JAMES P. CANNON'S wife, who lived with him in Rosedale, Kansas, was LISTA M.

AGNES M. CLARK, sister of JAMES P. CANNON, formerly lived at Rosedale, Kansas, but information at the post office in Rosedale disclosed she left Rosedale about four years ago, and her present whereabouts are unknown. No information could be developed as to the present location of JAMES P. CANNON and wife who lived with him in Rosedale. AGNES M. CLARK left this vicinity about the same time JAMES P. CANNON did, and the parties who knew JAMES P. CANNON and wife, supposed that they were still living together.

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REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: Dec. 30, 1925	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: Dec. 29, 1925	REPORT MADE BY: MAX F. BURGER
TITLE: JAMES B. CANNON LISTA M. CANNON (ROSE KARSNER)			CHARACTER OF CASE: ALLEGED FRAUDULENT STATEMENT IN PASSPORT APPLICATION.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No new developments in this matter. ACCOUNT INSUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE, CASE CLOSED.

DETAILS:

SAME AS ABOVE.

DETAILS:

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REPORT MADE AT: <u>New York City</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>6/21/26</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>6/21/26</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>JOHN L. HAAS</u>
TITLE: re: <u>COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES</u> <u>(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)</u> 0			CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>General investigation</u> D/113

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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N. Y. FILE #61-113

Through a confidential source it was learned that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S new underground name is HERBERT ZAM. CLOSED;

DETAILS:

SAME AS ABOVE;

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New York City

REPORT MADE AT: New York City	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/23/26	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/22/26	REPORT MADE BY: JOHN L. HAAS
TITLE: IN RE: <u>COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES: (List of names and addresses of Communists in Buffalo):</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE: General Investigation

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

N. Y. FILE #61-3

List of members of Communist Party residing at Buffalo, N. Y., furnished this Bureau by MR. CHARLES of the American Defense Society; copies forwarded to Buffalo office. CONTINUED:

DETAILS:

Continuing on the above entitled matter last reported on by this Agent under date of June 21st, 1926;

MR. RICHARD A. CHARLES of the American Defense Society of #154 Nassau Street, New York, called and at the Bureau office on this day furnished the attached list of names and addresses of members of the Communist Party residing in Buffalo, N. Y.

Copy of this report and list of members are being forwarded to the Buffalo office for its information.

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Following is a list of names and addresses of present members of the Communist Party, Buffalo, N. Y., who are in favor of the Shuler Administration:

A. Shuler	405 William Street	Buffalo, N.Y.
T. Dudka	54 Guildford Street	"
P. Boluk	724 Perry Street	"
N. Jurkevecs	753 Broadway	"
E. Belopolsky	159 Ridge Road	Lackawanna, N.Y.
G. Ordapobur	629 Eagle Street	Buffalo, N.Y.
E. Kravehenik	622 Ohio Street	"
K. Mocha	535 Engine Ave.	Lackawanna, N.Y.
A. Trachuk	535 Engine Ave.	"
K. Esis	1344 Broadway	Buffalo, N.Y.
F. Kachuk	939 Seneca St.	"
E. Tourklchuk	899 Smith St.	"
V. Hnimeshum	105 Erine St.	"
S. Balimsky	125 Lockly St.	"
W. Tomusiak	73 E. Huron St.	"
M. Tarafiruk	85 Mortimer St.	"
E. Capnanopich	163 Fifth St.	Lackawanna, N.Y.
H. Fadey	54 Benzelona St.	"
N. Karman	21 Marvin St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
K. Romnsky	124 VanRenesslaer St.	"
B. Koloda	77 Madison St.	"
B. Zitkavich	179 Reed St.	"
J. Strdichuk	101 Gitters St.	"
J. Rapisky	109 Roosevelt St.	"
P. Romanchuk	109 Roosevelt St.	"
J. Walash	179 Reed St.	"
N. Adamchuk	141 Selkirk St.	"
D. Podsula	37 Monroe St.	"
A. Kondracuk	37 Marvin St.	"
Zidkawich	292 Lovejoy St.	"
J. Kolovda	77 Madison St.	"
N. Hoods	941 Exchange St.	"
W. Levchuk	941 Exchange St.	"
N. Piatka	21 Marvin St.	"
N. Marmazedich	1344 Broadway	"
P. Kontratovich	538 Perry St.	"
S. Kritin	31 Marvin St.	"
E. Shnelke	538 Perry St.	"
A. Pelinovich	562 Swan St.	"
K. Onchenka	538 Perry St.	"
W. Masuk	148 Genesee St.	"
O. Botska	420 Fulton St.	"
W. Botska	420 Fulton St.	"
S. Balisky	23 Clifford St.	"
B. Boshniak	435 Watson St.	"
M. Poshtar	393 Clinton St.	"
D. Loschenka	198 Hamburg St.	"
E. Hlushov	157 Hickory St.	"
J. Blagum	22 Marvin St.	"
E. Hrechuk	101 Gitters St.	"
M. Fedorovich	157 Hickory St.	"
K. Temchuk	200 N. Division St.	"
A. Loschenko	215 Hamburg St.	"
T. Dmitikow	970 Perry St.	"

L. Boyko	393 Clinton St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
C. Wolkov	257 Delaware Ave.	"
B. Vrulchik	211 Lumber St.	"
P. Lukevich	220 Clark St.	"
N. Crisson	15 Grove St.	"
G. Smith	183 Detroit Ave.	"
G. Malinowsky	167 Kosciusko St.	"
B. Orochks	292 Lovejoy St.	"
J. Borchuk	31 Marvin St.	"
B. Casbarovitch	198 Hamburg St.	"
S. Shashsia	61 Gitters St.	"
G. Krissow	131 Howley St.	"
D. Sobachinsky	724 Perry St.	"
Z. Zitkevich	292 Lovejoy St.	"
A. Novik	497 Getz Ave	Lackawanna, N.Y.
G. Chutornenka	454 Wassen Ave.	"
M. Modlin	112 Pratt St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
S. Solowsy	203 Kentucky St.	"
S. Kulish	431 Gates Ave.	Lackawanna, N.Y.
S. Murza	451 Wason Ave.	"
J. Piatka	207 Elk St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
N. Zub	67 Oak St.	"
Andrew Sedorchuk	605 Fulton St.	"
B. Lich	67 Oak St.	"
J. Okochuk	67 Oak St.	"
T. Dobrodeyew	107 Roland St.	Lackawanna, N.Y.
N. Shore	23 Clifford St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
J. Smaka	247 Pine St.	"
E. Conchor	1864 Niagara St.	"

Following is a list of names and addresses of present members of the Communist Party who are in favor of the Timoshenko Administration:

J. Timoshenko	228 Spring St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
P. Timoshenko	228 Spring St.	"
N. Shandarezsky	23 Clifford St.	"
T. Coval	146 Sycamore St.	"
H. Buksa	876 Broadway	"
M. Lurie	146 Sycamore St.	"
E. Lurie	146 Sycamore St.	"

Following is a list of names and addresses of former members of the Communist Party who have since dropped their membership in the party.

S. Bossik	263 Adams St.	Buffalo, N.Y.
T. Muravsky	179 S. Division St.	"
S. Koralchuk	206 S. Division St.	"
G. Tachachuk	538 Perry St.	"
S. Kritun	31 Marion St.	"
A. Kuminza	179 S. Division St.	"
P. Bedus	941 Exchange St.	"
W. Boranosky	228 James St.	"
S. Didok	976 Seneca St.	"
A. Osos	225 Lombard St.	"
T. Yanshonko	538 Perry St.	"
G. Timchik	233 S. Division St.	"
E. Bestran	206 S. Division St.	"

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234 First St.
1344 Broadway
175 S. Division St.
876 Broadway
277 Alabama St.
45 Chestnut St.
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175 S. Division St.
85 Mortimer St.
66 Young Ave.
238 Catherine St.
131 Hawley St.
292 Lovejoy St.
977 Sycamore St.
263 Adams St.
157 Hickory St.
857 Seneca St.
124 VanRensselaer St.
15 Churchill St.
538 Perry St.
124 VanRensselaer St.
22 Orman St.
346 Virginia St.
191 Eagle St.
86 Mortimer St.
323 Amster St.
192 Hickory St.
295 Delaware Ave.
538 Perry St.
128 Bush St.
440 Watson St.
22 Orman St.
458 Wasson St.
55 Main St.
125 Selkirk St.
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238 Catherine St.
701 Carroll St.

Lackawanna, N.Y.
Buffalo, N.Y.

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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Philadelphia File #61-17

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT: PHILADELPHIA, PA	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/1/26	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/18/26	REPORT MADE BY: J.F. MC DEVITT
TITLE: 0 WILLIAM Z. FOSTER - New party name- HERBERT ZAM -			CHARACTER OF CASE: JUL 3 COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information obtained that the new underground name of subject is HERBERT ZAM.
CLOSED.

REFERENCE: This is a new matter.

DETAILS: This office has been reliably informed that the new underground name of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER is HERBERT ZAM.
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL LUHRING.

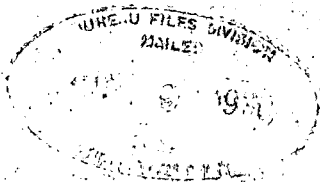
There is attached hereto copy of a letter dated May 28, 1930, received in the Bureau from the Special Agent in Charge of the Chicago, Illinois office, together with inclosures, having reference to WILLIAM Z. POSTER, who has been identified in numerous Communist activities.

It will be noted from the attached communication directed to Mr. John W. Houston, Chief Probation Officer, Chicago, Illinois, over the signature of James J. Flynn, Chief Parole Officer, New York City, that he desires information concerning WILLIAM Z. POSTER. It will be appreciated if you will advise me the nature of a reply which should be made to Mr. Flynn, the communication in question having been referred to the Chicago Bureau office by the State Superintendent of Supervision of Paroles, Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #76944-0



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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

POST OFFICE BOX 1405
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 28th, 1930

Director,
Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith to you copy of letter of Philip J. Barry, Superintendent of Supervision of Paroles, Chicago, Illinois, and also copy of letter he enclosed from the Chief Parole Officer, New York City, N.Y., regarding WILLIAM ZOFOSTER, for possibility that the Bureau may care to furnish the information requested, if deemed advisable. Due to the possibility that the Bureau would not care to furnish any information contained in the files as to this, I am not advising Mr. Barry of this action.

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Very truly yours,

R. J. Connelley
R. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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State of Illinois
Department of Public Welfare
Division of Supervision of Paroles,
Springfield

Chicago, Ill.

May 23, 1939.

Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs: Subject: William Z. Foster.

Enclosed please find letter under date of
May 15th, from James J. Flynn, Chief Parole Officer, City
of New York, with reference to the above entitled subject.

As this is a matter that your office could to
a greater degree intelligently advise Mr. Flynn, I am for-
warding this letter to you for such action as you deem
advisable.

Very truly yours,

P. J. BARRY
State Supt. of Supervision

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CITY OF NEW YORK
Parole Commission
Municipal Building
New York

May 15, 1930

Mr. John W. Houston,
Chief Probation Officer,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Houston:

One William Z. Foster, a Communist, was recently committed to the New York City Penitentiary on a charge of unlawful assembly. He claimed that he lived in Chicago for 16 or 17 years, was an organizer there for the American Federation of Labor and also worked as an organizer for the Railway Car Workers Union. He was also active in the great steel strike which was lost by the unions. He claimed to have lived at Michigan Ave. near 43rd Street, Chicago, but is not sure whether number is 42 or 43. He said that it is the first or second house from the corner.

This man was arrested in Chicago on August 24th, 1922 on a charge of criminal syndicalism and turned over to the Sheriff of Berrien Co. Michigan, on September 12, 1922.

This man is an outstanding Communist in the United States and any information you can give relative to him will be appreciated.

Sincerely

JAMES J. FLYNN

Chief Parole Officer

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Mr. L. J. Connelley,
P.O. Box 1405,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 28, 1930, with inclosures, requesting advice as to the advisability of furnishing information concerning one WILLIAM E. FOSTER to James J. Flynn, Parole Officer for the City of New York.

This matter was referred to the Criminal Division of the Department. There is inclosed herewith, for your information and guidance in the matter, copy of a memorandum received from Assistant Attorney General O.R. Lohring, dated June 11, 1930.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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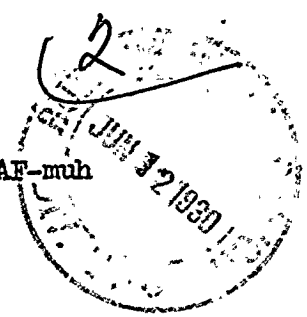
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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June 11th., 1930.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER.

Replying to your memorandum of the 9th instant, relative to the request of James J. Flynn, Parole Officer for the City of New York, for information regarding one William Z^V Foster, I beg to advise you that it does not appear from the correspondence whether or not the Bureau has any information as to subject.

In any event I believe that Mr. Flynn should be advised that the files of the Bureau are confidential and it is contrary to the policy of the Department to divulge their contents.

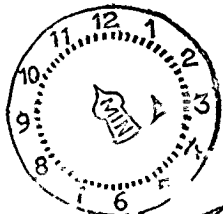
It would seem that inasmuch as Foster was taken into custody in 1922 by the Sheriff of Berrien County, Michigan, on a charge of criminal syndicalism, Mr. Flynn should be able to obtain information relative to this man's activities through said sheriff.

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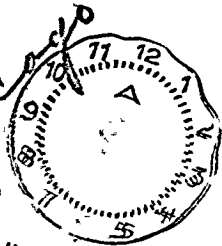
O. R. LUHRING,
Assistant Attorney General.



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POST OFFICE BOX 1405
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 2nd, 1930

Mr. James J. Flynn,
Chief Parole Officer,
Municipal Building,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago you addressed a letter to John W. Houston, Chief Probation Officer, Chicago, Illinois, as to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, an alleged Communist, which letter was referred to this office, and in this connection it is suggested that possibly if you would communicate with the Sheriff, of Berrien County, Michigan, who arrested Foster in 1922, in connection with their State Criminal Syndicalism act, he might be able to furnish you with some information of value.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC New York

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City of Oakland California Police Department



IN REPLY
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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO
JAMES T. DREW, CHIEF OF POLICE.
Jan. 28, 1931.

FEB-2-1931

The Hon. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Criminal Identification,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I should be pleased if you will
kindly forward me any and all information you
may have on one William Z. Foster, a well-known
Communist who is billed to speak shortly in our
Municipal Auditorium.

It is my understanding William Z. Foster
served a term in prison for some violation of our
laws in connection with his activities as a Communist,
and in order to prevent him speaking here it is neces-
sary for me to submit a report showing his undesirability
to our Commissioner of Public Works who is in charge of
our Municipal Auditorium.

Thanking you for your kind assistance in
this matter, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

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James T. Drew
Chief of Police

P. O. Box 1405
Chicago, Illinois

June 14, 1932.

Hon. George E. Q. Johnson
United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 10, 1932,
enclosing a letter from Mr. Joseph H. Beek, Executive
Secretary, the National Industrial Traffic League, Chicago,
Illinois, with reference to a speech made by William Z.
Foster at the University of Chicago on June 1, 1932.

In view of the fact that this matter does not
appear to indicate a violation of any law over which this
Bureau has investigative jurisdiction, no investigation
will be conducted.

As of possible interest to you, I am transmitting
herewith a photostatic copy of a clipping from the Chicago
Daily Tribune of June 1, 1932, with reference to the speech
made by Mr. Foster, to which reference is made by Mr. Beek.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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February 4, 1931.

Mr. James T. Drew,
Chief of Police,
Oakland, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 28th ultimo, wherein you request information regarding one WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, I beg to furnish the following record on file in the National Division of Identification and Information of this Bureau of an individual possibly identical with the subject concerning whom you inquire:

As William Z. Foster, #---, arrested New York City Police Department, March 6, 1930, charge rioting; disposition not given.

As William Z. Foster, #---, arrested New York City Police Department, March 10, 1930, charge felonious assault; disposition not given. The following information appears on subject's record:

"1907, as Wm. Z. Foster, Spokane, Washington, violation of Free Speech Act; 30 days City Jail."

Very truly yours,

Director.

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The seal of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is located in the top right corner. It features a circular design with the words "FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" around the top and "DEPT. OF JUSTICE" around the bottom. In the center is a shield with a scale of justice and a sword.

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JUNE 1, 1932

FOSTER PLEADS FOR COMMUNISM IN U. OF C. TALK

Gives Russia as Example of How Well It Works.

William Z. Foster, presidential candidate of the communist party, yesterday appealed to 1,000 students at the University of Chicago, members of a chapter of the National Student's league, to give their influence to an overthrow of capitalism.

Speaking at Mandel hall, Mr. Foster pictured the doom of capitalism in the present economic depression, and he urged his hearers to be prepared.

"Capitalism must be abolished by an open struggle of violence," he declared. "No domineering ruling class ever has been removed by anything but force, and the peaceful methods of the ballot will never win freedom for the working classes."

Gives Russia as an Example.

Communism wakens culture, Mr. Foster said. He argued that with better working conditions, higher wages, and a share in the profits of their toil, the working classes would find more opportunities for study in the arts and sciences.

This has been proved in Russia, he asserted. The status of the worker in the cities, and of the farmer, has improved to such an extent that they now have freedom to explore the sciences, and to give themselves to artistic expression.

As to when the new era of communism will appear, Mr. Foster said the weaker links in the capitalistic chain will give way one by one, until a world governed by the working classes will emerge. He thought that Poland at present was the weakest of the capitalistic nations, and that breaks might be expected also in India, China, Germany, and Spain.

Fascism and Hitlerism offer no solution to world problems as Mr. Foster viewed them. For Hitler to gain power over Germany would only result in war with France, he declared. He branded war as the weapon of capitalism exerted in times of economic stress.

Student Reds Win Trial Delay.

Ten radical university students and Karl Borders, a socialist leader in Chicago, were granted continuances until June 7 when they were arraigned yesterday before Judge Thomas A. Green on charges of holding an unlawful assembly. The students were arrested as they picketed the home of Samuel Insull, bearing placards protesting against the treatment of miners on Insull controlled properties in Kentucky. Borders was arrested when he berated the police who took the students into custody.

Nels Peterson, 51 years old, 2718 Sheffield avenue, an alien, was fined \$25 by Judge Frederick W. Elliott for having torn down an American flag from the home of a neighbor on Memorial day. Two communists, Boleslaw Kasten and George Guglich, were granted jury trials on charges of unlawful assembly.

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June 8, 1932

Honorable George Q. Johnson, U. S. District Attorney,
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Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I desire to call your attention to an article which appeared on page 10 of the Chicago Tribune, of June 1st, entitled, "Foster Pleads for Communism in University of Chicago Talk". I quote from that article:

" ' Capitalism must be abolished by an open struggle of violence,' he declared. 'No domineering ruling class ever has been removed by anything but force, and the peaceful methods of the ballot will never win freedom for the working classes.' "

It strikes me that this is a treasonable utterance. I am wondering if it should not be brought to the attention of the Federal Grand Jury.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) J. H. Beek

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December 30, 1940

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RE: WILLIAM Z. FOSTER

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William Z. Foster, addressing a meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party in New York City on February 16 - 17, 1940, declared:

"...we have to be flexible and adaptable with regard to the organizational forms of the struggle against the war. Not only do the masses not have a general peace program, they also have no well-organized national peace movement. Consequently, just as it is our task to help build up a peace program among the masses, so it is our task to build up a general peacemovement. Our eventual aim as far as we have a say in the matter, is to build a people's front peace party."

The above is taken from a leaflet styled
X "Organizing the Struggle for Peace."

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